

Cheerleader Name _____

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Cheerleading is a unique team sport. We don't have extra's on the bench waiting to play. Every girl has a role, and if someone is missing, the whole squad is thrown off. This is why attendance is so very important, and why we appreciate your support. We permit friend requests for carpool needs and provide you with contact information for your squad so no cheerleader should never miss a game, camp or practice because they do not have a ride.

MISSED PRACTICES / CAMP ONLY

All notifications of absences must be submitted via email to bpjrcheer@live.com or by leaving a message on the Hotline 412-831-6800 X720. Notification must be given in advance for vacations or before camp ends on the miss date if it an unplanned miss. ** It is important that you use these two methods to inform us--telling one person one day at camp that you will miss another day of camp may not get communicated appropriately.

An absence for ANY reason is considered an absence (this means ANY reason at all---sickness, transportation problems, family emergencies, vacations, other activities---anything)

You are allowed four (4) camp misses if you notify us **BEFORE** camp begins. If you miss without prior notification, it automatically counts as the FIFTH absence, see below:

Fifth Absence: Sit out first half of upcoming game.

Sixth Absence: Sit out entire first game.

Seventh Absence: Dismissal from the program.

MISSED PRACTICES / SEASON ONLY

We make every attempt to not schedule practices during the week once the second week of school starts. Once the football season starts, practices are held before the game. If you plan on cheering the game, you must plan on attending the practice session immediately before your game. You need to be there at the time specified so your coach can prepare /make adjustments as needed. If you miss the practice, you do not participate in half time for that game. ***If you are running late and will not be at the field for your arrival time, you must notify your coach before practice starts. Failure to notify a coach prior to the arrival time carries the same repercussions as a SECOND MISSED GAME (below).

MISSED GAMES

When a girl misses a game, this affects the rest of the squad who is depending on her to perform stunts and the half-time show.

Missing ONE game is considered Excused as long as you notify the coach before practice for that week's game. If you do not notify your coach ahead of time, then it's not excused and you will be asked to sit out the first half of the next game.

Second missed game: Sit out entire next game. You attend the game in uniform and sit on the sidelines.

Third missed game: Dismissal from squad.

Any girl required to sit out a game or any part of a game and does not show up to the game ON TIME IN UNIFORM to sit her time out will automatically be dismissed from the program. Girls will "sit out" on the field with their coaches--not their parents or friends in the stands.

LEAVING AFTER HALFTIME

All cheerleaders are expected to cheer for the entire game. ONE leave after halftime is excused for the season, but please notify the coach ahead of time. Further requests to leave after halftime will be met with the same repercussions as missing the second game as listed above and so on.